



PATENT
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Title: LOW WATER PEAK OPTICAL
WAVEGUIDE FIBER

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.312 (a)

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please change the title of the invention to:

“METHOD OF FABRICATING A PREFORM FOR OPTICAL FIBER”

Remarks

A Notice of Allowance has been received in the above-identified application but the issue fee has not, as yet, been paid.

Applicants wish to amend the title of the invention to be more descriptive of the invention. Claim 1 does not require that the optical fiber be hydrogen resistant. Also, having “deuterated glass preform” in the title could imply that the entire preform is necessarily deuterated, which is not required by Claim 1.

The proposed amendment does not amend the claims and does not require an additional search or examination. The Examiner has indicated that the claims are patentable.